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TO:

Joel Boyd, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools

FROM:

Billie Jo Turner, Chief Financial Officer

DATE:

February 26, 2021

RE:

Budget Transfer

Motion to transfer the budget in the amount of \$8,381,933 per the attached sheet labeled "Budget Transfer Form".

As stated in the Budget Update and Adjustment on 2/22, there are numerous accounts with surpluses due to the pandemic. We are requesting to transfer available funds to realign the budget with the priorities of the District.

The excess funds are a result of the following:

- Staff salaries due to vacancy savings, as well as mid-year retirements.
- Remote learning has reduced the need for substitutes and transportation.
- Buildings are closed to the public which eliminates the need for Use of Facilities Custodial overtime.
- IDEA Camp was run virtually and funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant in the summer (2020)
- Knowledge Bowl has been cancelled this school year to maintain State mandated COVID restrictions

Attachments (3)

- A. Budget Transfer Request #1
- B. FY21 Budget Update and Adjustment previously discussed 2/22/21
- C. Appendix A Responses to School Committee questions from 2/22/21